

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 13 and 15 have been amended to include new element (d) directed to "a nucleotide sequence that as at least 95% homology to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 and which encodes a protein having PF1022 synthetase activity." Support for this language can be found at page 6, lines 5-10.

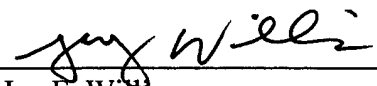
Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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